

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

756, 757

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 18 Revere St.

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction ca. 1812

Source Date in plaster

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick on fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn, Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Second chimney blew down (1938 hurricane)

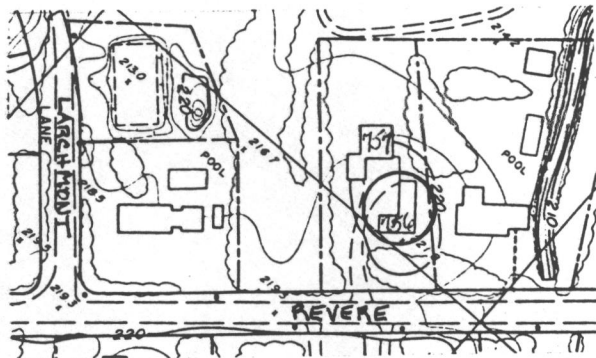
Rear addition (1980s)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.6 A.

Setting Set back from street on an open lot



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) April 1998

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

18 Revere St. (MHC #756) is one of a number of Federal farmhouses in Lexington though one of the few that still has a barn. The house is rectangular with a rear ell, two stories, five-by-two bays, and side-gabled with one rear chimney. The four-bay-long front-gabled two-story rear ell is on the same type of brick foundation as the main block. At the northwest end of the ell is a side-gabled two-story one-by-two bay addition on a newer brick foundation. The brick foundation of the original house is set on top of the original fieldstone foundation, the house is clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The center entrance surround has a wide frieze with a projecting molded cornice, pilasters, and full-length sidelights; a secondary enclosed entry is in the reentrant angle between the ell and addition; and windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The 2½-story, three-by-four bay front-gabled barn (MHC #757) has its original barn and hay doors and an attached a three-by-one bay one-story side-gabled shed at the southwest corner.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This house was probably built in 1812, for the son of the people who owned it from 1934 to 1983 remembers that "1812" was found scratched into the plaster in the southeast upstairs bedroom. It is not clear who built the house, however, for it was only possible to trace it in deeds back to 1839, at which time it was owned by a Joseph Eaton. In 1914 this house was acquired by the Taylors, who had a large estate in the Larchmont Ln./Revere St. area with a huge house on the hill south of Larchmont Ln., and remained part of the Taylor estate until 1934.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Middlesex Registry of Deeds. Deeds. Cambridge, MA. 385: 88; 473: 240, 375; 657: 318; 695: 544; 706: 564; 915: 95; 984: 287; 996: 80; 3884: 84; 5802: 64.  
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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*